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Forest range offices in North Arcot and Salem districts.

* 248 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many forest range offices there are in each of the North Arcot and Salem districts;

(*b*) in which of those ranges expenditure is greater than that of the income from the range; and

(*c*) what is the total income and expenditure respectively from Krishnagiri range of the Salem district?

A.—(*a*) North Arcot 8
Salem 13

(*b*) Namakkal Range of the Salem district.

(*c*) Income ... ... Rs. 17,089 } in the year **1930–31.**
Expenditure ... ,, 5,485 }

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member to state whether there is any proposal to abolish such ranges as are not self-supporting?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"No."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"Why?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Because there is no need."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"If they are not self-supporting?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Money is not the only consideration."

Classification of areas by the Forest department.

* 249 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the classification of areas in the forest is now done by the Forest department alone without consultation with any local body or panchayat?

A.—The general classification of forests into provincial and local or ryots' forests was completed by 1927 and in making that classification local opinion was consulted. Subsequent transfers from provincial to local were, however, made only in consultation with local forest officers. But in the case of some transfers from local to provincial, the panchayats also have been consulted.

Consultation of forest panchayats in allotting coupes for cutting fuel.

* 250 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether in allotting blocks or coupes for cutting fuel the forest panchayats are not consulted?